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On May 4, 2018, the **Fourteenth Annual LISAT Conference** was held at Farmingdale State College. Many informative lectures were held, and the professional development track sponsored by the Power and Energy Society was well attended. You can read more about the LISAT Conference in the article appearing on page 10 in this issue of the **PULSE**. An upcoming social Networking event is being planned for June 4th. Please be on the watch for an email with the location, time and further information. On June 19th the Electromagnetic Compatibility Society (EMCS) is sponsoring a seminar on **"Selecting an EMI Filter"** at Retlif Laboratories in Ronkonkoma. Please register in vTools at <https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/173009>.

The LI Section Historical Milestones Committee has been actively planning another important event. A ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 5th at 5:00 PM at the new MART building at Stony Brook University. We will honor Dr. Paul Lauterbur, the Stony Brook professor who produced the first two-dimensional MRI image. I would encourage you to check the Section website and calendar frequently to stay informed about all of our upcoming events and seminars.

We are starting the process of nominations for officers of the Section to serve during 2019. Energetic volunteers with a positive and collaborative attitude are needed to help us lead the Section. I would encourage all of our members to be engaged, involved, and be a part of supporting the IEEE Long Island Section. There is much that can be achieved. If you would like further information, please contact me at [chairman@ieee.li](mailto:chairman@ieee.li).

Nick Golas has been serving as the interim editor of the **PULSE**. As this issue will be his last, I would like to personally thank Nick for his hard work in enabling the Section to have such a high quality and informative publication. Supriya Karmakar will become the new **PULSE** editor. I would like to thank Supriya for volunteering to assume this responsibility. Please consider writing an article for the **PULSE**.

Executive Committee meetings are not scheduled for June or July. I wish all of you a happy and safe summer. Our next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27th. Any member of the IEEE Long Island Section is welcome to attend the Executive Committee meetings. Please contact me at [chairman@ieee.li](mailto:chairman@ieee.li) for further information on attending. I would also ask that you consider serving on a Committee or volunteering to become active in one of our Societies. There are several Societies that have Chair and/or Vice Chair vacancies. The Section website has information about all of the Societies. You can also contact me at [chairman@ieee.li](mailto:chairman@ieee.li) for further information.

It is very important to me that the Section provide value to all of our members. Any comments and recommendations that you have are always welcome. You can contact me at [chairman@ieee.li](mailto:chairman@ieee.li). Thank you for your support of our Section, and I look forward to meeting you at our upcoming events.

Warm Regards,  
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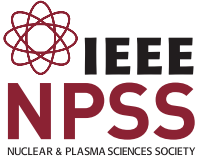
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## Long Island's Electrical and Electronic History

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### MICROWAVE ENGINEERING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LONG ISLAND ORGANIZATIONS

I was recently asked by our Microwave Theory and Techniques Chapter Chair, Sai Padnamabhan, to list some significant microwave engineering accomplishments and activity by Long Island individuals and organizations. They are to be part of the History Exhibit at the International Microwave Symposium to be held in Philadelphia this June. I also presented them at our Section's recent one day Microwave Symposium. I thought that they would be of interest to all of our members. In the interest of space, I limited it to the following:

#### POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF BROOKLYN (now NYU)

Made fundamental contributions to bridging electromagnetic field theory with microwave circuit design. Most notably the work of Professor Nathan Marcuvitz in the 1940's. who wrote the classic Waveguide Handbook (Vol 10 of the MIT Radiation Laboratory series) which is still in use. He was given the prestigious IEEE Heinrich Hertz Award for his contributions to electromagnetic theory. Professor Marcuvitz was also an excellent teacher. Those of us who were privileged to take his courses gained great insights into microwave theory.

#### POLYTECHNIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Founded in 1944 by Professor Ernst Weber of the Polytechnic institute of Brooklyn. They developed some of the first commercial microwave attenuators, signal generators and spectrum analyzers. Dr. Weber became the first President of the IEEE in 1963.

#### SPERRY GYROSCOPE CORP.

Was in leading supplier of microwave klystron oscillators and amplifiers in WWII and the postwar era. In the late 1940s it developed one of the first microwave component product lines, Microline. Their klystron expertise was in no small part due to the innovative Varian brothers, who were employed there during WWII. After the war, they moved back to California to found their own company. Sperry also excelled in radar. Seymour Cohn, one of the best microwave engineers ever.

#### AIRBORNE INSTRUMENTS LABORATORY (AIL)

Now part of Harris, was formed in 1945 by some of the leading engineers from the MIT Radiation Lab and Harvard's Radio Research Lab. They did pioneering work in electronic warfare receivers as well as radars for air traffic control. AIL developed the first all-weather microwave landing system They also were leaders in the development of low-noise parametric amplifiers, MASER's and FET's. Other achievements were the first Terahertz waveguide components (1963) and the early development of strip line components in the 1950's. Fifteen of its staff members became IEEE Fellows.

#### LNR COMMUNICATIONS

Founded in 1971 by former AIL engineers with expertise in low-noise microwave receivers, became a leading supplier of earth station equipment in the emerging field of satellite communications. Its President, Seymour Okwit, was a former MTT Transactions editor and an ADCOM Chairman.

#### TELEPHONICS

Based in Farmingdale, is a leading supplier of radar, IFF & air traffic control systems.

#### MITEQ (now part of Narda-Miteq)

Was also an AIL spin-off in the mid 70's. It became and still is a world-wide supplier of microwave components and subassemblies, particularly for satellite communications.

#### NARDA MICROWAVE (now Narda-Miteq)

Was started by Sperry engineers 60 years ago. Early products included directional couplers and precision attenuators. They are now a leading supplier of satellite communication equipment.

#### MINI-CIRCUITS

Based in Brooklyn, has been a pioneer in lowering the cost of microwave components. They are noted for being able to supply large quantities of affordable components on a world-wide basis.

#### HAZELTINE (now part of BAE Systems)

Was founded in 1924 and made major contributions to the early development of radio. During WWII, it developed some of the earliest microwave IFF transponders for the US Navy. It still is a leading supplier of IFF systems.

#### WHEELER LABORATORIES

Was founded in 1946, by Harold Wheeler, a distinguished Hazeltine employee. It made many contributions to microwave antennas, antenna arrays and feed networks related to missile tracking and guidance radars. Wheeler's papers in the MTT Transactions of May 1964 and March 1965 on planar transmission lines are classics. Wheeler received the IEEE Medal of Honor and the Microwave Career Award.

#### CONCLUSION

This was a brief summary of past accomplishments and current activity on Long Island. As you can see, we made contributions from the very beginning and continue to do so. I am confident, that a similar article written ten years from now would have many other examples to add.



## JUNE 2018

**June 6, Wednesday**

*The Cradle of Aviation Museum & the IEEE LI Section PACE Network:*

**"Flying Jenny" Book Signing and Talk with Author, Theasa Tuohy**

**Cradle of Aviation**

Charles Lindbergh Blvd,  
Garden City, NY 11530

7:30 PM - Lecture

**June 7, Thursday**

*The IEEE Consultants Network of Long Island (LICN) Meeting:*

**LIU-Post Campus**

720 Northern Blvd,  
Brookville, NY.

6:30 PM - Refreshments

7:00 PM - Lecture

**June 19, Tuesday**

*The Long Island Chapter of the IEEE EMC Society lecture:*

**Selecting an EMI Filter**

**Retlif Testing Laboratories**

720 Northern Blvd, Brookville, NY

**Speaker:** Curtis Sober, *TE Connectivity*

6:00 PM - Food & beverages

6:30 PM - Presentation

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR SECTION

The IEEE Long Island Section is proud to welcome 86 new members to our Section! We are excited about getting to know them & seeing the contributions they can make to our Section and how our Section can enhance and enrich their careers. In addition, we would like to congratulate all of our new members on joining our IEEE family!

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# THE IEEE LONG ISLAND SECTION AT AGE 65

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 Section Historian*

It is hard for me to believe that our Section is now 65 years old. In 1953, I was already an engineer with four years of experience. It does not seem to be that long ago. I would like to present some of my recollections of those days and some highlights of the ensuing decades.

In the 1950's some of the most prominent Long Island companies in our field were Hazeltine (now part of BAE Systems), Sperry Gyroscope, Airborne Instruments Laboratories (AIL) now part of Harris and Wheeler Laboratories. Most of the electronics developments were defense related because of the Cold War. The transistor was only recently invented. This was the era when major improvements were made in microwave receiver sensitivity due to the invention of the parametric amplifier and the MASER (the device that led to the invention of the LASER in 1960). The improved sensitivity contributed to increased radar range and a major expansion of radio astronomy receiver development. Color television was getting closer to being a commercial product. Long Island companies were active in all of these areas.

The 1960's was the decade where electronics went into space. The Lunar Excursion Module (LEM) developed by Grumman most exemplified this era. Long Island was a major center of aerospace activity with companies such as Republic, Fairchild, as well as Grumman prospering. Main frame computers were just beginning to be used by design engineers.

Satellite communications was a major growth area in the 1970's. Long Island companies such as AIL and LNR supplied sensitive receivers for earth stations and satellites. The rapidly increasing computer processing power also brought with it the need for more sophisticated software. Companies, such as computer Associates, were major contributors.

The 80's decade saw the emergence of the PC and engineers' strong dependence on them. I had been relying on main frame computers for years and suddenly found the nearly obsolete for most engineering problems. Many engineers wrote their own programs but eventually design software packages on the commercial market became ubiquitous.

The 1990's was a period of major improvement in computer speed and power. Thanks to major advances in electron beam lithography, feature sizes of transistors were becoming less than 100 nanometers. Millions of transistors could now be placed in a chip. It was also the era where gallium-arsenide IC technology was allowing complex microwave components to be placed in a small chip. These developments helped to make satellite TV commercially possible. Fiber Optic transmission of wide information bandwidths over long distances also matured during this period.



The first 18 years of the 21st century was dominated with the arrival of the smart phone. Communication band widths continue to increase as exemplified with the soon to be viable 5G communications systems. We are also living in an age where alternative reusable energy sources such as solar and wind are starting to compete with fossil fuels. Driverless cars are also coming soon. Look forward to wear bio-medical devices that will monitor your health and send data to your doctor.

Along with helping our members keep up with technical innovations, our Section has been very active in operations of the IEEE at many levels. Henry Bachman and the late Joel Snyder were IEEE Presidents. We have had six Region 1 Directors – the late Art Rossoff, Lou Luceri, Vic Zourides, Joel Snyder, Peter Eckstein and Babak Beheshti. Edwardo Palacio just became Region 1 Director Elect. Peter Eckstein served as IEEE USA President.

Our Section was one of the earliest to be involved with professional activities in areas of interest to IEEE members. It organized a political action committee many years ago, PACE, which still exists. We, along with a California section, were instrumental in changing the wording in the IEEE Constitution from a "Technical Society" to a "Professional Society". We were the first section to form a Consultants Network thanks to the efforts of Bill Wilkes and the late Irwin Weitman.

Throughout these 65 years our Section has been a great resource for its members in keeping up with these advances. A perusal of past issues of our Pulse newsletter lists the numerous meetings and symposia that have helped to keep so any of us current I, for one, am grateful to our Section for this.

It is hard to predict electrical and electronic advances that can benefit society 65 years from now. However, due to increased life expectancy, some of our younger members will be around to see them. Let's wish the IEEE Long Island Section a Happy 65th Birthday and much success from now and in the future.





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## REVIEW: LISAT 2018

**Dan Rogers**  
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The IEEE Long Island Section sponsored the **14th Annual Long Island Systems, Applications, and Technology Conference (LISAT)** was held on May 4, 2018 on the campus of Farmingdale State College. This academic conference is one of the principal services that the IEEE provides to the local industrial and academic engineering community. This conference benefits local scientists, career engineers and students who wish to advance the state of technology by publishing original papers. It also provides an opportunity for exhibitors to educate the local engineering community about the benefits of their products to individual engineers by meeting them in the exhibits hall.

Dr. John Nader, President of FSC spoke at the Opening ceremony in Roosevelt Hall. The conference and the Farmingdale College Foundation collaborated in providing 10 student scholarships this year. Note that there have been 95 scholarships provided to students since the LISAT conference began in 2005, for a total of \$45,500 in joint student scholarship support.

The conference provides a venue for peer reviewed original papers to be presented to the engineering community. Our slate of papers included the IEEE LISAT Technical Program Committee's 30 selected paper presentations. In addition, three Distinguished Lecturers (DLs) provided state of the art presentations in the areas of their technological expertise.

### THE DISTINGUISHED LECTURERS PRESENTED IN 3 SPECIAL SESSIONS:

#### SYSTEMS:

**DL. Fawzi Behmann**, "The Future of Collaborative Internet of Things" and invited speaker **Dr. Robert Balfour**, VCore Solutions, "Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) Situational Awareness for Safety, Security and Emergency Response"

#### APPLICATIONS:

**DL Dr. Larry Chasteen**, "National Missile Defense for our Applications" and invited speaker **Warren Axelrod**, "Cybersecurity and Privacy Issues when Applying Railway Technologies to Intelligent Roadway Systems"

#### TECHNOLOGY

**DL Dr. Lorenzo Lo Monte**, "History and Future of Radar and EW" and invited speaker **Dr. Miriam Rafailovich**, "Engineering High Durability, Carbon Monoxide Resistant Hydrogen Fuel Cells"

This year our Power and Energy Society/Industry Applications Society (PES & IAS) Chapter leadership again co-hosted a Professional Development Track for PE's and others requiring CEUs or PDH credits on topics of "Microgrid Environments" by Maggie Clout, Business Manager, Energy Management Division, Siemens Industry, Inc.;



"Digital Substations" by Darius Parker, Business Development Manager, Energy Management Division, Siemens Industry, Inc.; and "Relay Protection in a Smart World" by Tom Ernst.

We were also delighted to have ANSYS provide a Product Applications presentation – "Cosite Interference and RFI in Real World Environments through Multi-Fidelity Simulation" by Charlotte Blair, ANSYS Lead Application Engineer.

The conference is fully staffed by volunteers from both the IEEE Long Island Section and Farmingdale State College. Dr. Charles Rubenstein (Chair of the LISAT Conference) said in his opening message: "My welcome message would not be complete without thanking the core volunteers that worked tirelessly to bring LISAT to you who are listed on the previous page. Co-Chair Dan Rogers is my right-hand and doubling as exhibits chair, Ron Pirich and Jesse Taub oversaw the 30 papers in our technical program. And through the tireless efforts of John Fiorillo and Doug Kim many Farmingdale State colleagues - from the President's office and vice president for institutional advancement and enrollment management Patrick Calabria and staff, Nancy Connor VP Development and Alumni Engagement and staff, the School of Engineering Technology interim dean, Michael Goodstone, Use of Facilities Coordinator Joanne Ulrich, Scholarship Coordinator Babette Kastens, custodial, IT and catering personnel, to Chief Fischer's Campus Police have made many "invisible" contributions that cannot be underestimated. My personal Thank You! to all of you that made this year's conference possible!"

If you speak with the members of the LISAT committee, they will all tell you that the experience of volunteering and participating in the management of a conference is challenging but has many rewards. I would encourage all IEEE Long Island Section members to consider volunteering for next year's conference, which will be the 15th Annual LISAT on Friday, May 3rd, 2019. We could use the help to make this important anniversary conference the best yet.

The Cradle of Aviation Museum and the IEEE LI Section PACE Network (Professional Activities Committees for Engineers) are proud to present:

## "FLYING JENNY" BOOK SIGNING and TALK with AUTHOR, THEASA TUOHY



**DATE:**  
Wednesday,  
June 6, 2018

**SPEAKER:**  
**Theasa Tuohy,**  
Author

**LOCATION:**  
**Cradle of Aviation**  
Charles Lindbergh Blvd,  
Garden City, NY 11530

**TIME:**  
7:30 PM  
Presentation

**COST:**  
Free Admission

### ABSTRACT:

The Cradle of Aviation Museum and the IEEE LI Section PACE Network are proud to present "Flying Jenny" book signing and talk with author Theasa Tuohy at the Golden Age Gallery as the backdrop for this lively talk and book signing.

*"It is August, 1929, and this romp through the early days of women's aviation history arrives with all the immediacy of a late-night edition. Theasa Tuohy memorably limns the adventures of not one but two pioneering women. Debutante pilot Jenny Flynn and cub reporter Laura Bailey carry the spunk of Thelma & Louise to new heights as they fight for space in the cockpit and the city room."*

**Janet Groth,** author

*The Receptionist: An Education at The New Yorker*

### SPEAKER:

**Theasa Tuohy,** author, will be signing her new novel about the early history of aviation and women in aviation on Long Island and across the nation. "Flying Jenny" is her second novel and it is based loosely on her mother's spirited life as a pioneering pilot in the early 1930's. Ms. Tuohy was the first woman hired on the copy desk of the Newark Star Ledger and a long-time editor of the Associated Press as well as a journalist at Newsday. She is an esteemed journalist who was one of the pioneers of the industry for women, which makes her a great role model for young women today. Books will be available for purchase in our museum store.

### REGISTRATION:

This event is FREE, but reservations are required. Please call **516-572-4066** (Mon-Fri, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm) to reserve your seat.

**PACE**  
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The Long Island Chapter of the IEEE EMC Society  
is presenting a lecture titled:

## **SELECTING AN EMI FILTER**



**DATE:**  
Tuesday, June 19, 2018

**SPEAKER:**  
**Curtis Sober**, TE Connectivity

**LOCATION:**  
**Retlif Testing Laboratories**  
795 Marconi Avenue,  
Ronkonkoma, NY

**TIME:**  
6:00 PM - Food and beverages  
6:30 PM - Presentation

**COST:**  
Free Admission.  
All are invited.

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Individuals interested in learning about EMI Filters and their applications.

### **ABSTRACT:**

In this talk, EMI line filtering fundamentals are introduced. To inform of the many varieties are available, when and what types of EMI line filters is required for particular applications.

### **REGISTRATION:**

Seating is limited. If you wish to attend, an RSVP is required prior to the meeting. To register please visit IEEE vtools at <https://events.vtools.ieee.org/m/173009>

### **SEMINAR COORDINATORS:**

**Mr. Donald Lerner**, Retlif Testing Laboratories.

**Mr. Sandy Mazzola**, BAE Systems Inc (Greenlawn).

### **SPEAKER:**

**Curtis Sober** received his BA degree from Pennsylvania State University. He has worked at TE Connectivity, (formally AMP Incorporated) for 24 years and is recognized the go to person for EMI filters having been involved with the Corcom team for the past 16 years. He is responsible for the TE Corcom sales from Eastern Canada to Florida. Curtis has worked in the electronics, telecommunication, broadband and power industry since 1980 holding sales, management and marketing positions with companies including, El DuPont, (DuPont Berg), Molex, ASC Capacitors and now TE Connectivity, Corcom products. He has presented various interconnect, grounding/bonding and EMI filter papers to customers, test labs and professional societies. He is currently focused on EMI issues and has helped to create the presentation, Selecting an EMI Filter. His current technical interests include the design/development of systems and finding ways to help the customer systems pass the existing regulatory standards.





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*Head of Connectivity,*  
*SCL, Facebook*  
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# ARE YOUR TO-DO LISTS DOABLE?

BY DONALD CHRISTIANSEN

When a group of engineers began an informal discussion about the uses of to-do lists, the dominant theme seemed to be that such lists don't always work well. Yet most said they continue to use them in some form and often try to "fix" them to be more useful.

Most agreed that we expect our to-do lists to cover too many items, including not just job-related tasks, but also family-related chores and other personal matters, including finances, education, and recreational events. Many agreed that we too often complicate our lists by including short-, medium-, and long-term items. As a veteran user of to-do lists, and having encountered many of their shortcomings, I decided to go online to see what the experts are thinking. No surprise, they identified many of the same issues outlined above and more, and, in their individual discussions, did not necessarily agree on the best solutions.

## PROJECTS VS. TASKS

If you are a project manager your to-do list will differ from those of the individual engineers assigned to the project. You may do well to choose one of the project management software apps that deal with task planning and scheduling, collaboration, and progress tracking. Among them are LiquidPlanner, monday.com, Smartsheet, Workamajig, and Workfront Project Management Software. Individual project tasks, on the other hand, are the responsibility of the project engineers. They may be simple, easy, doable in a day, or complex, multistage, requiring days or even months. Tasks may involve hardware or software, or perhaps research. Each project engineer may elect to choose his or her format, and switch to another if it does not work.



## TYPES OF TO-DO LISTS

Those who choose to include both job-oriented and personal items in their to-do lists will likely need to deal with a daily list of twenty or more items, and, most likely, only a fraction will be completed by day's end. Some to-do apps permit the separation of these work and personal tasks with a context tag. Or, if you choose to use pen and paper (e.g., 3-by-5 cards, as I do), you can create separate lists and thus avoid referring to your personal list while on the job.

There is still another good reason to consider using separate lists for work, home chores, and entertainment. In our quest to check off several items each day using only a single composite list, it is easy to be lured into choosing a fun item we know we can easily complete (the daily crossword puzzle, or something possibly even more tempting, like "Use Burger King coupon"). In today's work-at-home environment, these choices are easier to make. If you do opt for using a single list, one expert advises giving each item a priority (say 1 to 4) to encourage you to tackle the most pressing items first. Whether you use single or multiple lists, it will help to include only items that are readily doable and likely to be done. An item like "Research Cyber Security" is a loser. Instead, make it "Read cyber security article ABC in IEEE Trans on XYZ, April 2080." Another item to ban from your daily list is "Continue to work on subsystem X." Instead, pick just one task from a list of likely next steps in the subsystem project.

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### SCHEDULES VS. TO-DO LISTS

If you are part of a very large, ongoing project, you may elect to use a separate project schedule that includes task details and target completion dates, and thus keep everything involving that project off your daily to-do lists. Instead, you would put the daily project tasks directly on your calendar, with a particular time allotment for each. Its proponents admit that you may have to carry over a task or two to tomorrow that you failed to complete today, just as you must with your to-do lists. Forbes consultant Keven Kruse, an advocate of schedules versus lists, notes that "That which is scheduled actually gets done." He recommends that we schedule everything. For example, instead of checking e-mail every five minutes, he suggests a specific schedule of three times daily for e-mail processing.

### NAMING YOUR TO-DO LISTS

Should you elect to follow the advice of several of the experts, you will no longer label your lists simply "to-do." Here are a few choices: Do-Today, Do-Now, Do-ASAP, Just-Do-It, DDALP (Delay Doing As Long As Possible), DSM (Do Something/Maybe), and, finally, Fuggedaboutit. The last three may help relieve the stress of carrying certain items on your daily to-do list seemingly forever.

### PRIORITIES

Given a list in which all entries are "do today," which ones should be tackled first? Those involving safety issues, error recognition, and fault corrections are prime contenders. Plus those involving customer complaints in general. Items left undone with predictable consequences, like "repair emergency power generator," are obvious do-first candidates.

### DONE "DO'S"

Enough about what needs to be done. What about a Done-It list? Gina Trapani champions its importance, noting that your "done" list is a great indicator of whether your do-do list is working. It also enables you to refer to your past work activities when, for example, you are writing that final report on a particular engineering project, or an article for possible publication in an IEEE technical journal. The "done log" also permits you to "revel in your own productivity" as Trapani phrased it.

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# GET THE MOST FROM YOUR NEXT SALARY NEGOTIATION

*Tips on initiating a conversation with your manager and articulating your value*

BY ANTHONY GOLD

Here's a painful yet common occurrence: You discover that a coworker who doesn't seem to work as hard as you do (or as well) earns a higher salary—perhaps a lot higher. Or maybe you feel stuck: You think you've brought a lot of value to the company, but your manager isn't offering a raise or promotion. *What should you do?*

## GET OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT

First, here's what you shouldn't do: Tell your boss about the pay disparity or blurt out that you're not making enough and want a raise. That not only creates an awkward situation but also puts your manager in the defensive position of justifying one person's salary over another's. There very well might be legitimate reasons for the difference. For example, if you're comparing your earnings to someone else in a similar position, that person might have negotiated a higher starting salary. You, on the other hand, might have accepted what was offered when you joined the company. Instead, first validate from outside sources that your salary is indeed below where it should be. Glassdoor, Salary.com, and other websites can make it easy to gather that information. Then, ask for a meeting with your manager. At the meeting, start by articulating the value you bring to the company. You should discuss your accomplishments and the effect they have had.



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That might be time saved, revenue increased, costs cut, the impact you've had on the company's brand—things that truly matter to the business. Follow that up with positive comments about why you like working for the company and, in particular, for your manager. And then say something like this: "One thing is troubling me. I feel that, given my role and the impact my work is having, I'm undercompensated. And I'd really like your help so that we can address this."

## THE POWER OF SILENCE

A successful salary renegotiation always starts with your knowing at least two points: You're being paid less than your market value, and your accomplishments are having a positive effect on the company. If this holds true, you'll find your salary renegotiation is simpler than otherwise. A great way to get a raise or promotion is first to elaborate clearly the difference you're making, as well as your desire to contribute even more to the organization. Then ask for the amount you want, but phrased in a way that makes it clear the increase will enable you not only to be more motivated but also to have an even greater impact. Your manager will either agree to look into

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your request, or she'll say she can't offer you a raise at that time. No matter how your manager responds, say nothing. That can be hard because silence feels awkward. But silence can be useful: be silence is begging to be filled, and your manager will fill it. She may come back with a willingness to explore your situation further, perhaps meet you halfway, or with a justification for why the company cannot increase your salary—all of which can be helpful.

If it's a justification for why the company can't pay you more (for example, the salary budget is fixed and no money is left) then that information can lead to the two of you brainstorming other ways to address the issue—with a performance bonus, say, or extra vacation time.

The conversation also might lead to a discussion about whether you are on the right path to a promotion and what you must do to get there. *Following that, here are questions you can ask to help move the discussion forward:*

- What is the salary range for someone in my position, and is that range fixed?
- Have exceptions been made, and if so, what qualities did that person have?
- What skills and level of responsibility are required for the next pay grade?
- If a salary increase is not an option at this time, can we negotiate other benefits, such as vacation time?

These questions can promote a discussion that not only will help you better understand what's going on in your company but also help you develop a better rapport with your manager.



### A TWO-WAY STREET

Here's another question—perhaps the most powerful one—that can truly help create a collaborative environment for moving the discussion forward: “How can we close the gap?” The gap refers to the space between what you feel is fair and what the company is offering. Note the focus is on we. This is the core of collaborative negotiation. Within this framework, there are no winners or losers—just you and your manager figuring out ways to create a win-win situation. Remember, the company wants and needs you. It wouldn't have hired you, or continued to employ you, if that weren't the case. A collaborative negotiation is a way to and a solution that keeps you motivated while remaining within the company's budget. And remember that salary is just one piece of the puzzle. You also can consider perks such as extra time off, flexible hours, or incentive pay (for achieving certain milestones in a given time). If the company won't budge on any of your requests, and you still want to work there, ask for a review in six months to assess your contributions. Be sure to ask what you would need to accomplish in those six months to warrant an increase.

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*Anthony Gold is a career coach, entrepreneur, investor, and philosopher who recently cofounded ROAR for Good, a social-impact company in Philadelphia developing smart jewelry to reduce assaults and empower women. He is also a regular blogger for The Institute.*

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## What is an Electrical Engineer?

Did you know that electrical engineers are involved in creating cell phones, lasers, the Internet, PDAs, hybrid cars, video games, and satellite TV? Technologies developed by electrical engineers have enriched our lives in countless ways and revolutionized our daily environment.

Electrical engineers gave the world modern virtual reality and spanned power distribution networks across vast rural areas in developing countries. Electrical engineers develop new pacemakers for ailing hearts, ultrasonic diagnostic devices for detection of tumors, and NMR machines. They provide secure and reliable communication to expeditions in remote and dangerous locations and to astronauts in space. They are responsible for numerous household and personal items, from your electronic wristwatch to your iPod.

Electrical engineers work in multimedia, telecommunications, electric power, signal processing and control. They work with physicians on new diagnostic devices and with urban planners on new efficient vehicles. Their work makes our lives more interesting, effective and safe, and increases our productivity and standard of living.

### ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS WORK ON AEROSPACE VEHICLES, AERONAUTICS and AVIONICS

Many designs of airplanes and aircraft are undergoing dramatic transformation. Subsystems that depended in the past on bulky mechanical and hydraulic devices are replaced by small electronic circuits and high density computer chips. Better and smaller sensors, digital control units and "computers on a chip" make airplanes lighter, more capable and safer. Electrical engineers are at the forefront of this transformation, and new technologies keep making their professional life more exciting. Some of these new technologies include Nanotechnology, Mechatronics, and MEMS (Microelectromechanical Systems).



*"I came into a group that did a lot of the fun things that I like to do. I like to work with people; I like to travel a little bit. And so I've lucked out. I am responsible for procuring generators, contractors, and control units, the main sources of electrical power on an airplane."*

Carolyn Kerr, Electrical Systems Engineer,  
Boeing Commercial Airplane Group

## What is an Electrical Engineer?



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## ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS WORK WITH COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE

Computers and software are everywhere—in our cars, embedded in bridges and roads, installed in the bodies of patients to regulate biological mechanisms, and integrated into ID cards and passports. Electrical engineers are involved in the design and manufacture of these devices, and often (as computer or software engineers) they take part in creating the scripts that control these devices and determine their capabilities. Many electrical engineers are engaged in writing computer code and testing and debugging it, to ensure that it works according to specifications and that its operation is predictable, error free and safe.



*"I'm a software engineer and it's cool. They stick me in a lab or office with tons of toys—computer gadgets. I get to play with them all day...and they pay me for it. It's a bit of cloak and dagger atmosphere."*

Wesley Driver, Software Engineer, Harris Corporation

## CAREERS WITH OPTIONS

Electrical engineering—and its closely related fields (electronics engineering, power engineering, telecommunications engineering, computer science, computer engineering, and control engineering)—provide career opportunities in many industries and branches of business. There are electrical engineers in manufacturing plants, control rooms of large petrochemical plants, monitoring rooms of space flights, and hospitals. Here are some of the challenges that electrical engineers of the future are likely to be taking up.

## AN EARLY START

Education, interest, training, and experience lead the way to a career in electrical engineering. Throughout high school, students can begin preparing for an engineering career by laying a solid academic foundation. Taking courses in mathematics, science, and communication can be very helpful for future study of engineering at a university and should include: Algebra, Biology, Business Writing, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electronics, Geometry, Physics, Public Speaking, and Trigonometry.



*"In high school I got into computers and tried my hand at programming. It's been surprising how applicable a lot of the seemingly abstract math and science concepts taught in high school have been in my engineering career."*

Jeff Cannon, Telecommunications, Engineer, ADC Telecommunications

FIELD	ACTIVITY EXAMPLE
Aerospace and Aeronautics	Develop new sensors, control systems and power supplies for the next generation of space vehicles
Communications	Develop new networks that allow instant unlimited voice and audio communication with anyone, anywhere, anytime
Transportation	Develop remote control cars that can be driven automatically on "smart highways"
Medicine	Develop new sensing and drug delivery techniques that allow diabetics to regulate their blood sugar levels without injections
Homeland Security	Develop imaging techniques that allow error free detection of all explosive devices within 10 kilometers of an airport
Entertainment	Develop new multimedia techniques to enhance visual, smell, and tactile effects in concerts and on the Internet
Power	Develop a new longer-lasting battery that allows a cell phone to operate for a year without recharging
Robotics	Develop reliable and secure communication methods for special force units operating underground
Military Engineering	Develop smart robots that can detect and locate survivors in earthquakes and accidents
Geosciences and Remote Sensing	Develop highly-reliable networks to detect and predict earth

Taking an active role in extra-curricular activities can enhance classroom studies by providing hands-on experience with engineering design and practice. Such activities include: competing in science and technology fairs; robot, rocket, and other design competitions, and active membership in engineering clubs.

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*The following competitions are representative of the many opportunities available to students who wish to explore engineering:*

**Botball** – [www.botball.org](http://www.botball.org)

A hands-on learning experience in robotics designed to engage students in learning the practical applications of science, technology, engineering, and math.

**BEST Robotics** – [www.bestinc.org](http://www.bestinc.org)

A sports-like, science- and engineering-based robotics competition.

**FIRST Robotics** – [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org)

An exciting, multinational competition that teams professionals and young people to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive way

**JETS – TEAMS and NEDC** – [www.jets.org](http://www.jets.org)

TEAMS challenges groups of high school students to work together and apply key math, science, and physics concepts toward solving real-world engineering scenarios. NEDC is a hands-on competition that allows students to explore, research, design, and build a working prototype to empower individuals with disabilities to succeed in the work force.

**Odyssey of the Mind** - [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com)

An international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

**Intel International Science and Engineering Fair** -

[www.sciserv.org/isef/](http://www.sciserv.org/isef/)

The world's largest pre-college celebration of science.

**Think Quest Programs** - [www.thinkquest.org](http://www.thinkquest.org)

Students work in teams to create the best educational websites and compete for exciting prizes, including a trip to ThinkQuest Live, an educational extravaganza celebrating their achievements.



*"Some non-engineering courses that have proved to be helpful are management, business, and entrepreneurship classes. I also took a psychology class on behavior and personal adjustment which I use almost every day. It teaches you about people and about your behavior with people. These are very important because you're working with a team, and you need to understand how to deal with other people."*

John Harding, Hardware Dev. Engineer,  
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## ACADEMIC STUDIES

Most electrical engineers begin their career by earning a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree in electrical engineering or a closely-related field (electronics, power, control, telecommunication or computer engineering; or computer science). The B.Sc. degree usually requires 4-5 years in an undergraduate program at an accredited university. A Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering or closely-related disciplines expands career options and can open the door to other professions. While many graduates of electrical engineering programs spend their entire career working on technical and engineering projects, others continue their education in other diverse areas such as law (e.g., patent or telecommunications law), medicine (e.g., development of sophisticated sensors for detection of disease), and business (e.g., using computer algorithms to optimize commodity trading). Those who are inclined to achieve deeper understanding of engineering processes, and want to engage in research and development often continue beyond the B.Sc. degree toward a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Electrical Engineering, and later toward a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)

All prospective students of electrical engineering should seek institutions that are recognized for instruction quality and modern facilities. In many countries there are accrediting bodies (such as ABET in the United States, JABEE in Japan, CEAB in Canada, and ABEEK in Korea) that publish lists of programs they have reviewed and approved ("accredited"). In countries where such accrediting bodies do not exist, some schools carry accreditation or accreditation-like certifications from accrediting bodies in other countries. In the absence of local accreditation, students should in general prefer schools that are recognized by state or local government and are accountable to a local department of education.

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1. Mentoring students at Farmingdale State College.
2. Mentoring students at New York Institute of Technology.
3. Mentoring High School Students at Northport High School for Solar Pathfinder workshop.
4. Setting up and participating in Youth Bureau STEM programs.

At FSC and NYIT, we get to work with bright students trying to make their way in the world. We can pass on to them the lessons learned through our life experience, provide some guidance and put forward pet ideas we would like to see developed. We can have students share and carry forward our ideas and projects we haven't been able to finish ourselves. We do good and gain enjoyable time. And we gain a bit of access to campus facilities. As we meet and interact with faculty, we may be able to sit in on classes and lectures of interest. Through the Northport High School project, we get to learn about and use the Solar Pathfinder equipment as well as guiding interested young people.

With the Youth Bureau STEM programs, we have the opportunity to help and guide young people toward a good life. There are many young people who need good role models and often, just someone to talk to. We can make the world a better place.

If we are good at it, and have measurable success, we could generate proposals to Federal and State entities that support STEM programs and possibly receive awards of sufficient size to provide staff stipends to those who need it. For the younger volunteers, it might open a whole new career path.

I do not view STEM programs as a path to jobs in STEM fields. There just are not enough STEM jobs on Long Island to support current graduates. But I do see STEM knowledge as essential for survival and rational decision making for everyday life in the Modern world.

*Let me know of your interest and I can provide specific details. Bill Wilkes 631-421-0160.*

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